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Tujunga Man Charged with Stabbing Wife to Death

A 54-year-old man has been charged with stabbing his wife to death at their Tujunga home last week, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Deputy District Attorney Carmelia Mejia said Henrik Avetyan (dob 9/15/60) faces one count of willful, deliberate and premeditated murder with the allegation that a knife was used in case PA083496.

Avetyan pleaded not guilty yesterday and is due to return on June 9 in Department S of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, San Fernando Branch.

The defendant is accused of stabbing his 50-year-old wife on May 7 following an argument at their home, the prosecutor said.

Avetyan's bail was set at more than \$1 million.

If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a possible maximum sentence of life in state prison.

The case is being investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department, Foothill Station.

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About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.